

no longer a city," Collins said, automatically come under the coun-

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to have a merger, you'd have to
ous districts. The only districts
id merge with would have nothing

id, so far, he would not recommend
board a position in favor of a
ington Heights merger. That would
lined municipality a population in
Arlington Heights is in the Lock-
istrict.

he school district point of view, we
lose that much (as a local dis-

point puts him at loggerheads with
intendent and current board mem-
in, who favors a merger of the two
n. He says he fears that the Ohio
ation, which has ultimate author-
affairs of all state public schools,
merge Lockland with the districts
adjacent.

he board has the power, under the
Code, to study such transfers of
the possibility of improving school
ization."

Midway Stage.

- 2 p.m.—4-H poultry/rabbit judging.
- 2:30 p.m.—King Brothers rodeo at the grandstand area.
- 3 p.m.—Bob Braun & the Fun Bunch at the Midway Stage.
- 4:30 p.m.—If weather permits, a bee beard will be "grown" on the Midway.
- 7:30 p.m.—4-H Pageant of Flags, Youth Building.
- 7:30 p.m.—Music caravan '80.
- 7:30 p.m.—King Brothers rodeo at the grandstand.
- 9 p.m.—German Shepherd dog show at the activity center.

Pollution Of Mill Creek Linked To Earlier Work

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READING—The Ohio Environmen-
tal Protection Agency (OEPA) has
confirmed that at least some of the
toxic pollutants oozing through the
soil into the Mill Creek come from
the property of the former Cincin-
nati Milacron Chemical Inc., now
the Carstab Corp.

Ken Schultz, chief of emergency
response for the OEPA, said the
agency asked Carstab July 30 to hire
a consultant to study the source and
extent of the pollution and how it
might be corrected.

The company is co-operating
fully, he said.

"THE COMPOUNDS that were
found were not those from the two
adjacent facilities. Some of the
materials appear to be coming from
the Carstab property," Schultz said.

For more than 20 years, Milacron
buried chemical wastes at the site
on West Street, and the materials
leaching out of the soil at the creek-
bed are types known to be on the old
Milacron property, he said.

The analysis of soil and water
samples gathered in June indicated
they contained "a complex series of
compounds present in very, very low
quantities," Schultz said.

"It's not an acute harmful effect.
You wouldn't instantly become ill,"
he explained. "It's a long-term type
of thing. The continuous discharge
of any pollutant to a stream is de-
grading to it.

"Some of the compounds are
toxic, but in the concentrations we
found them they are not an im-
mediate threat. If somebody was
using the creek for a water supply
close downstream, we'd be concern-
ed about it."

HE INDICATED more testing is
needed. "We asked them to hire a
consultant because we don't have
the staff to do the necessary test-
ing," Schultz said.

"They are getting bids right now
to see how much the study will cost
them. It's a geologic study to find
out the extent of the area affected,
to determine if the substances could
be recovered, if there's a specific
source that can be removed."

The study should be completed
around October, Schultz said.
"Hopefully we'll come to an agree-
ment on what course of action
should be taken."

The seepage violates an Ohio law
forbidding the discharge of pollu-
tants and wastes into streams with-
out a permit, he said. "We haven't
filed an enforcement action on it
because we are getting co-operation
from the company."

The OEPA will probably not file
such an action as long as it is satis-
fied with the company's response,
he said.

Carstab plant engineer Carl
Adams said the company had no
comment on the situation.

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